



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Scott M. Hartley et al.

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For: PRE-PROCESSED WORKPIECE HAVING A
SURFACE DEPOSITION OF ABSORBER
DYE RENDERING THE WORKPIECE WELD-
ENABLED

Mail Stop Amendment
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF August 22, 2005

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2

of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.